

2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

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1. Department or Agency

Department of Health and Human Services

2. Fiscal Year

2018

3. Committee or Subcommittee

Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response

3b. GSA

Committee No.

33551

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

5. Current Charter

11/05/2017

6. Expected Renewal Date

11/05/2019

7. Expected Term Date

8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

8b. Specific Termination Authority

Not Applicable

8c. Actual Term Date

Not Applicable

9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Authorized by Law

12. Specific Establishment Authority

Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. § 217a) as amended (5 U.S.C. App. 2)

13.

Effective Date

01/22/2002

14.

Committee Type

Continuing

14c.

Presidential?

No

15. Description of Committee Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

17a. Open 4 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 4 Meetings and Dates

Purpose	Start	End
The BSC convened to advise OPHPR concerning strategies and goals for preparedness programs and research and to monitor OPHPR's overall strategic direction and focus. Day one of the meeting covered briefings and BSC deliberation on the following topics: OPHPR Update and Overview of OPHPR Response Roles and Responsibilities during Complex Emergencies; Interval Updates by OPHPR Division directors; Biological Agent Containment Working Group (BACWG) Updates. Office of Policy, Planning, and Evaluation: Policy Update and Stories Project; and Preparedness Updates and Discussion: Liaison Representatives; Day two of the meeting covered briefings and BSC deliberation on the following topics: Research in OPHPR: Comparison of Approaches; OPHPR's Practice-based Research Priorities: Discussion with the Board; Synthesis and Translation of Public Health Preparedness and Response Research; and Incident Management Training & Development Program (IMTDP) Update	10/30/2017	10/31/2017

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02/13/2018 - 02/13/2018

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05/09/2018 - 05/09/2018

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08/30/2018 - 08/30/2018

Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 4

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$7,907.00	\$19,500.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$210,139.00	\$289,717.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$13,035.00	\$17,632.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$11,192.00	\$11,285.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$55,010.00	\$55,570.00
18d. Total	\$297,283.00	\$393,704.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	2.50	2.15

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Board of Scientific Counselors, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR), provides advice and guidance to the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH); the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and to the Director, OPHPR, concerning strategies and goals for the programs and research within the divisions; administers and oversees peer review of OPHPR scientific programs, and monitors the overall strategic direction and focus of the divisions and offices. The Board may perform second-level peer review of applications for grants-in-aid for research and research training activities, cooperative agreements, and research contract proposals relating to the broad areas within the office. The Board also plans to hold at least two program review workgroup meetings each year to conduct program peer review activities. Second level peer review

and review of other agreements or research contract proposals have not been scheduled at this time.

20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

OPHPR identified the need to have a diverse, multi-disciplinary group of experts to serve on the Board. The disciplines represented on the Board include business, crisis leadership, emergency response and management, engineering, epidemiology, health policy and management, informatics, laboratory science, medicine, mental and behavioral health, public health law, public health practice, risk communication, and social science. The Board members represent a geographic mix and a diverse sampling of professional backgrounds [academic, medical, government (national, state and local) and private not-for-profit]. OPHPR continues to identify and solicit nominees who represent a wide variety of ethnic and minority groups, as well as maintain and increase the geographic balance to obtain the broadest representation of different points of views.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

The current charter requires two meetings per calendar year. The BSC met in-person in October 2017 (two days) and May 2018 (one day) and continues to plan for meetings in the fall and spring of each fiscal year. Three hour public webinars were held in February and August 2018. All meetings in FY18 were open to the public in accordance with the Government in the Sunshine Act and Federal Advisory Committee Act. Agenda topics for the meeting can be found in the Meetings section of this report. Meeting minutes are published on-line (<https://www.cdc.gov/phpr/bsc/meetingminutes.htm>).

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Director, OPHPR, and CDC are committed to increasing the application of science and science-based principles into OPHPR practices. This advisory group helps create and support a transparent, multi-disciplinary process for external expert review and improve OPHPR's capacity to continuously improve processes, programs, and vision through the input of the Board. The Board's advice and recommendations are essential to provide advice and consultation on current and future research requirements; monitor program quality improvement initiatives; and promote innovation and alternative approach consideration related to the areas of OPHPR's responsibility. OPHPR, like all other CDC Centers and Offices, is expected to meet the internal CDC revised policy requirement that external peer review of research and scientific (including non-research) programs is conducted by Boards of Scientific Counselors at least once every five years. Previously OPHPR did not have a mechanism in place to accomplish the mandate of the internal policy. Board members are engaged in the process for program review, oversee the

conduct of the review, and provide recommendations to OPHPR and CDC.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

N/A

21. Remarks

No formal reports are required of this committee at this time.

Designated Federal Officer

Kimberly Lochner Deputy Associate Director for Science, Office of Science and Public Health Practice, Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response (OPHPR),

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Askenazi, Michele	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Director, Emergency Preparedness and Response, Tri-County Health Department	Representative Member
Brandeau, Margaret	05/10/2012	09/30/2019	Coleman F. Fung Professor, School of Engineering, Stanford University Dept of Management Science and Engineering	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Chan, Benjamin	09/21/2018	09/30/2019	State Epidemiologist	Representative Member
Dickerson, J.	03/01/2017	04/13/2018	Senior Biodefense Advisor Office of Health Affairs	Ex Officio Member
Dreyzehner, John	07/25/2018	09/30/2019	Commissioner	Representative Member
Egan, Christina	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Chief, Biodefense Laboratory, Wadsworth Center, NY State Health Dept	Representative Member
Galea, Sandro	12/23/2016	09/30/2020	Dean, School of Public Health	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Herrmann, Jack	03/01/2017	07/13/2018	Deputy Director, Office of Policy and Planning (OPP)	Ex Officio Member
Inglesby, Thomas	07/01/2011	09/30/2019	Director and CEO, UPMC Center for Health Security	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
James, Erika	01/09/2017	09/30/2020	John H. Harland Dean	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Levine, Marissa	07/19/2013	04/13/2018	Chief Deputy Commissioner for Health, VA Dept of Health	Representative Member
Macintyre, Anthony	05/22/2018	09/30/2019	Senior Medical Advisor, FEMA	Ex Officio Member
McKinney, Suzet	08/06/2018	09/30/2021	Deputy Commissioner, Bureau of Public Health Preparedness	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Mitroff, Ian	11/19/2012	02/27/2018	Adjunct Professor and Research Associate, UC Berkeley (Crisis Leadership)	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Pawlecki, Jeffrey	07/14/2016	09/30/2018	Chief Health Officer, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Plough, Alonzo	07/14/2016	09/30/2019	Chief Science Officer, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Quinlisk, Patricia	10/01/2015	09/30/2018	Medical Director and State Epidemiologist, Iowa Department of Public Health	Representative Member
Ritchey, Jamie	08/21/2017	09/30/2019	Director, Tribal Epidemiology Center (TEC)	Representative Member

Slemp, Catherine	12/19/2016	09/30/2018	Consultant, Public Health Policy and Practice	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Viswanath, Kasisomayajula	08/13/2014	09/30/2018	Associate Professor, Dept. of Social and Behavioral Sciences	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member
Wireman, Jody	10/01/2015	09/30/2019	Director, Force Health Protection, NORAD and USNORTHCOM	Ex Officio Member
Wooley, Dawn	08/01/2018	09/30/2021	Associate Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Cell Biology, and Physiology, Wright State University	Special Government Employee (SGE) Member

Number of Committee Members Listed: 22

Narrative Description

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What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Outcome Comments

Not Applicable

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Cost Savings Comments

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

284

Number of Recommendations Comments

In FY 2018, there were no formal recommendations made and approved by BSC member vote. However, there were a total of 77 informal recommendations shared by BSC members in response to presentations made, documents shared, and issue raised during discussion periods during two FY18 in-person, public meetings and two FY18 public webinars. The Board continues to provide recommendations that further promote and enhance strategic progress throughout the OPHPR Divisions and Offices. All recommendations are tracked and presented to the respective OPHPR Office/Division or CDC Centers/Institutes/Offices (CIOs) for follow-up and response. Written responses are required and reviewed by the BSC at the next scheduled in-person meeting. If warranted, responses are presented as agenda items and discussed at the next scheduled meeting. To date, the Board has held 23 meetings and has deliberated and made recommendations on external peer reviews of OPHPR programs resulting in a total of 145 formal recommendations over the life of the Board to date. Of the 145 recommendations, 10 of these were in reference to Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) 2020 Report and brought to a vote during the April 2-3, 2013 BSC Meeting. The 10 recommendations were accepted for action by OPHPR. The Board deliberated and provided 19 additional recommendations to OPHPR in January 2012 following an external review of OPHPR's Preparedness and Emergency Response Research Centers completed on August 9-12, 2011. In 2011, the Board approved a total of 58 recommendations in two separate meetings. On April 22, 2011, the Board approved 45 recommendations from the external peer review of OPHPR's Division of Emergency Operations conducted on January 26-28,

2010. On August 14-15, 2011, the Board approved 4 recommendations from the external peer review of OPHPR's Division of Strategic National Stockpile conducted on July 28-30, 2009; and 9 recommendations from the external peer review of OPHPR's Career Epidemiology Field Officer Program completed on June 29-July 1, 2011. An external peer review for OPHPR's Division of State and Local Readiness completed on September 15-17, 2009 resulted in 15 recommendations from the Board which were approved on April 27, 2010. On April 27, 2009, 14 recommendations were approved by the Board following the first external review of the OPHPR Fiscal Allocation Process program conducted on February 25-27, 2009. An additional 29 recommendations made during the August 13-14, 2009 Board meeting resulted from the external review of OPHPR's Division of Select Agents and Toxins.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?

54%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments

OPHPR's programs continue to take actions to implement the remaining recommendations and will report progress to the Board on an annual basis.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?

41%

% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments

All recommendations have been considered. Formal and informal BSC recommendations that have not been implemented are a result of OPHPR's mission and scope, resource limitations, or other programmatic or policy issues that limit implementation.

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments

Annual reporting by OPHPR programs to the Board on actions taken to implement recommendations and advice are part of the review process that is deliberated on and approved by the Board. Programs that undergo external review by the Board are expected to provide a formal response after the Board deliberates and makes its recommendations. Since the Board usually meets twice per year, there could be up to a

six-month lag time between completion of a program review and deliberation by the Board.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

Action Comments

It is anticipated that recommendations based on external peer reviews will impact OPHPR priorities, resource allocation, and other strategic program decisions.

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?

No

Grant Review Comments

Not applicable at this time.

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

	Checked if Applies
Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Access Comments

Contact DFO by email at OPHPR.BSC.Questions@cdc.gov.